

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 10/267,386 filed October 9, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. _____. ~~This U.S.S.N. 10/267,386~~ is a divisional application of a ~~co~~pending U.S. patent application, Serial No. U.S.S.N. 09/591,176, filed on June 9, 2000, and entitled "PATIENT TRANSFER APPARATUS", now U.S. Patent No. 6,467,106, which claims the benefit of ~~U.S. Provisional Patent Application, Serial No. U.S.S.N. 60/139,143~~, filed on June 14, 1999, and entitled "RESIDENT TRANSFER APPARATUS". All of the above applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference.